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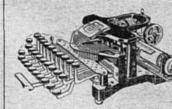
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A Chain of Circumstances

foriginal.1 Sam Clendenin had a fancy for the science of medicine. When he was at means. When he got the means he considered himself too old

One afternoon he called on her and found her suffering with a beadache, accompanied by fever. He induced her to permit him to bring her some powders in the evening. On his way to where he was very much at home, and, the druggist baving gone to dinner, leaving a boy in charge, Sam made up the powders himself and after dinne took them to his fiancee and gave her one. In ten minutes there was a hurry call for a doctor, a pump was inserted in Anna's stomach, and among other things arsenic was brought up. The two remaining powders were found to be harmless. Anna recovered, and

The case excited a great deal of at-

Sam was arrested.

tention, the newspapers spurred on the authorities to make sure of Clendenin's conviction, and the prosecuting at torney ninde up his mind to win a reputation by hanging him. Before the trial came off the attorney had conclu-sive evidence that Sam had already been married to Anna Guernsey and was interested in getting her out of the way that he might marry a fortune. The lawyer failed to entrap Anna into acknowledging the marriage, but Anna's mother, who was a firm believer in Sam's guilt, signed a statement giving certain circumstances that had led her to believe her daughter had been secretly married. When all the evithat Sam had tried to poison his wife for a purpose. There was no written evidence against him worth mentioning, but witnesses in plenty to prove the motive. Indeed the bare fact of bringing three powders, taking care that the two he did not adminis ter should be harmless, was quite oisoning. One flaw in the chain of recumstances pointing to Sam's guilt

prise us in leaving some door wide open for their conviction.

When the case was called the prose dence to prove that Sam Clendenin had een guilty of one of the most diabolical murders on record. The defense brought forth absolutely nothing to show that he had not poisoned Anna Guernsey except that he had always an irreproachable character. This, however, was met by witnesses who swore that Sam had been seen by them in gambling and drinking saloons requently for months prior to the

vas not taken account of, and that

fool would give a person arsenic, for it is sure to be found wherever it is

placed. But murderers usually sur-

as that Sam was not a fool. Only a

ittempted murder.

Just before the case was closed the efense introduced a new witness. Thomas Biggs, detective, whose stateent (questions of the attorney omited) was as follows: "On Dec. 15 1 was called to investi-

gate the following case: Mr. Anthony Seymour had the evening before dined at the Excelsior Chop and Oyster House. He had hung up his overcoat, with \$500 in one of its pockets, and on eaching home found the money gone.
I was given an incomplete list of those who dined at the same time and proecded to get a clew. On examining Mr. Seymour's overcoat I found in a orner of one of the pockets a tiny ackage done up in a leaf evidently orn from a memorandum book. Mr. eymour declared that no such package was in his pocket at the time of the robbery, and I at once concluded that there had been an exchange of The coat was a ready made one f Farnum & Emke's, who had sold a greaf number of the same pattern durng the previous autumn. There dined at the same restaurant on the same evening, each wearing one of those onts, Anthony Seymour, Joseph Miler and the prisoner. Seymour's cont was stolen and has not been recovered Seymour put on the prisoner's cont. which the thief doubtless removed to Seymour's peg, and the prisoner put on Affilier's coat by mistake. Miller had that evening purchased two pow-ders by prescription for his sick child and one of arsenic to kill a cat. The label 'polson' had not been well pasted on the arsenic, and Miller, having opened the package on his way to the restaurant to see that it was all right, dropped the label without noticing the

"The prisoner left with Miller's powlers and imppened to give Miss Guernsey the arsenic powder. Here is a leaf from the prisoner's memorandum book, with memoranda mentioning to an atr and can give not only correct Miss Guernsey's name, in which three fit and the best workmanship, but also harmless powders were wrapped. Why the best value. he used it in place of ordinary paper he only can explain."

Of course Sam was acquitted, and he married Miss Guernsey. The most unplensant lasting feature in the case was that many people would not believe in such a singular coincidence a that leading to the nearly fatal blunder. Among them was Mrs. Guernsey who broke with her daughter on the

day she was married.

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